

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

June 28th, 2010
View 34, 4251 East Highway 34, Pierre, SD

Chairperson
Mark Krogstrand

Vice Chairperson
Nora Svatos

Panel Functions

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

Panel Priorities

- State Performance Plan
- Child Find
- Ensuring quality service providers are available to children with disabilities

Minutes
June 28th, 2010

Members Present	Members Absent
Elaine Roberts	Jim Dunston
Judy Hoscheid	Nora Svatos
Laura Johnson-Frame	Todd Christensen
Greg Cooch	Lisa Heckenlaible
Gail Eichstadt	Roger Bowie
Greg Riley	Lori Dennison
Mark Krogstrand	Kerry Larson
Bernie Grimme	Guests
Heather Stettinichs	Brooke Lusk,
Michelle Greseth	Deb Flynn, Mitchell Technical Institute
Shelly Shaw	Amanda Keating, Center for Disabilities
Jolie Tostensen	Department of Education
Marie Ivers	Ann Larsen
Sara Hoogheem	Alicia Schoenhard
Sarah Carda	Merle Doolittle
	Angie Boddicker

Acronyms used:

SPP: State Performance Plan
APR: Annual Performance Report
SEP: State Education Program
OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs
SD DOE: South Dakota Department of Education
TSLP: Transition Services Liaison Project

Opening Remarks

Ann Larsen began with welcoming members and introductions, reviewing the agenda and the minutes with the panel.

Approval of the Agenda

Action Item - Members to accept agenda for the **June 28th, 2010** meeting, with correction to the date.

Motion to accept:	Bernie Grimme
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Second motion to accept:	Marie Ivers
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Panel Vote

Yes	All Members
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No	None
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Abstain	None
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Approval of the Minutes

Action Item - Members to accept minutes from the **April 19th -20th, 2010** meeting, with correction to spelling of Jolie's name, "SAP" should be "SEAP", Priority #1 edit to "discusses", and date stated June 28th for upcoming meeting.

Motion to accept:	Sarah Carda
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Second motion to accept:	Judy Hoscheid
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Panel Vote

Yes	All Members
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No	None
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Abstain	None
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Public Comment

Gail shared information from parent(s). The parents were concerned about Transition services for their 17 year old son with Asperger's. Student and parents were not aware of the services available. Items that should be included in discussions and "parent-friendly" handouts are SSI, good transition services, VocRehab services/VR plan. Elaine commented that this information was shared at the last VR meeting that was held the week of June 21-24 in Pierre, and that Person-Centered Thinking addresses item on transition plans for students.

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Elections

Election of New Officers for the 2010-2011 School Year

Mark was nominated for another year as Chairperson by Elaine Roberts, second by Greg Cooch. Elaine also nominated Sarah Carda for Vice Chairperson, second also by Greg Cooch.

Chairperson: Mark Krogstrand

Vice Chairperson: Sarah Carda

New Memberships

Todd Christensen and Mark Krogstrand were appointed by the Governor for another term on the panel through 2013.

Transition Updates

Brooke Lusk shared notes from the recent Youth Leadership Forum (YLF), and letters from individuals' parents to the Transition Liaisons, thanking them from the opportunities. 41 students participated at this year's YLF, which began with an orientation on Sunday, where students had the opportunity to get to know one another and the staff. All staff members are individuals with disabilities, some who have attended YLF in the past. NSU coach Don Meyer was the keynote for the event. On the second day students researched and learned more about their disabilities, and then presented this information to others, increasing their knowledge and confidence. Students also participated in a goal-setting session, talking about post-secondary education and employment. They explored Career Cruising and community service activities. They also participated in self advocacy activities. The event concluded with a luncheon. All costs are covered by various sponsors.

Brooke also shared information about Project SEARCH.

Special Education Programs Updates

Ann and Alicia gave updates from the SEP office:

PBIS trainings – July 20-22 in Sioux Falls for new pilot sites, panel members are welcome to sit in on the trainings, contact Becky Cain.

“Top 20” – August 2-3 in Sioux Falls, contact Becky Cain.

Dropout Prevention Center Training – September 14-15, contact Melissa Flor.

Ann also shared news about SD meeting requirements and a possible OSEP visit in the near future, which may require an additional AP meeting with MPRRC. Ann and Alicia will let the AP know if we need to pull together again before the October meeting.

Summer Conference included around 100 participants on Monday – Wednesday, 140 + on Tuesday for Michael Dorn presentation on school safety and school environment. Ann is going to work with the School Administrator Association to bring Michael back for state administrators to hear his message.

Linda Shirley presented the FiSH! Philosophy and Penny McCormick-Gilles presented on Mental Health. Dr. Hulac conclude on Wednesday with information on dyslexia and interventions and strategies for teachers.

Complaints, Due Process, Mediations

Angela introduced herself and notified the panel of her duties as a Program Specialist in dealing with due process, mediations, and complaints. She guided them through the DOE website and explained where to find documentation concerning current complaints and corrections. Recommendations from last year's meeting were noted on the new complaint form. There will be a complaint investigator training in November. Angie will provide more updates at the October meeting.

Autism Spectrum Disorders Program

Amanda Keating, program director updated the panel on the new focus of the program. The new focus for the Center for Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder Program is to work on more effective, sound behavior support plans. The work done to make these improvements will be based on the National Standards Report for Birth-22. The director is taking a three tiered approach to providing the assistance districts need for working with students that fall under the Autism Spectrum Disorder. There are four Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) trained staff in South Dakota to help assist in the trainings, which are based on past trainings in the state and the National Standards.

Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant

Deb Flynn from Mitchell Technical Institute introduced the new SLP-A program. MTI will begin South Dakota's first SLP-A program beginning fall 2010. The program is set up to follow ASHA guidelines for support personnel working under certified SLPs. ASHA requirements for the program include 20-40 semester hours of general education coursework, 20-40 semester hours in technical content, and 6 weeks of internship, 100 clock hours of field experience. Upon completion, graduates will obtain an Associates of Applied Science degree.

Annual Report: DRAFT

The panel reviewed the draft copy of the 2009-2010 Annual Report. The final copy of the annual report will be sent to the panel members, and sent to the Governor's office.

Miscellaneous Topics

Mark informed the group that Dr. Marjorie Kaiser was asked to direct the School for the Deaf as well as SDSBVI. The two instructional programs are now housed with the Brandon Valley and Harrisburg School Districts. Dr. Kaiser will be a point of contact with these districts and their efforts, but will primarily focus her attention and duties in working with the remaining staff on the SDSD campus, with the outreach program and the services that they provide to off campus students, families and school districts, being her primary focus. There are 12 other individuals providing outreach services throughout the state. Mark said Marjorie would be willing to share program updates with the panel at a future meeting if requested.

Ann spoke of the meeting of superintendent and Sec. of Ed. Oster concerning the Parkston-Sisseton court ruling of the 2008 incident. She will send out more information to the members before our October meeting.

There may be a possible September meeting if OSEP comes to review SEP this fall.

Schedule Upcoming Meeting

- The panel decided to meet in **Spearfish, SD** next time. The meeting will occur on **Monday, October 18th – 19th, 2010 on Black Hills State University campus.**

Adjourn

Action Item- Adjourn the meeting at 3:52 PM until **October 18th – 19th, 2010.**

Motion to adjourn: **Greg Cooch**

Second motion to adjourn:	Sarah Carda
Panel Vote	
Yes	All Members
No	None
Abstain	None